



24 August 1949

Mr. Philleo Nash
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Nash:

25X I refer to your memorandum of 18 August 1949, and the enclosed letter of 24 July from Mr. and Mrs. Utegaard. The problem involved in their inquiry about [redacted] is a familiar one to us due to the great number of aliens who have performed valuable work for the Allied intelligence agencies during the war.

To my knowledge there is no law authorizing any Consul to give any preference on visas to people who have aided the United States Government and who have had their lives endangered thereby. There is considerable misinformation about this matter, and it is our supposition that what they refer to is a priority which is authorized by State Department regulations. The specific authority is contained in Title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 61.513.

After two preference groups based on relationship to United States citizens or special skills, there are established certain priorities. In the first priority in the non-preference class are included aliens who have been recommended by the Joint Chiefs of Staff as persons whose admission is highly desirable in the national interest, provided that such cases have been approved by all appropriate government agencies (22 C.F.R., 61.513, (a)(3)(i)(b)). Aliens in this group will have their applications considered after those of first and second preference immigrants and will be taken in the order in which they are received in the Consular office.

Certain procedures and criteria have been issued by the Joint Chiefs in connection with the recommendation under this Section. Each case must be sponsored by a government department and must include certification and substantiation (1) that the admission of the alien is highly desirable in the interest of national security or because of certain military implications involved, and, (2) that a security investigation of the alien has been completed and that he is not considered, by the sponsoring department, to be a security threat to the United States. The applications are handled by the Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency in the name of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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It would appear that in the case of [] the sponsoring agency should be the Marines for whom he worked. If sponsorship were procured, it would, of course, rest entirely with the Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency whether [] qualified under their standards.

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I trust that this information will be of assistance in answering Mr. and Mrs. Utegaard.

Sincerely,

*signed & dispatched
thru ER
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Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central
Intelligence

Enclosures:

Letter, 24 July 1949, from
Mr. and Mrs. Utegaard.

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